

50 MILE BACKPACKING HIKE

North Country Trail - Northwestern, PA

6/20 to 6/26/26

ESTIMATED COST: \$200 (as of 8/31/25)



Eligibility:

- Scout **MUST BE 13 years of age and 1st Class by January 1, 2026.**
- Scout **MUST meet the Scout Attendance Requirements outlined in the Troop Policies.**
 - A Scout must attend **50% of the scheduled monthly campouts** for the current calendar year to be eligible to participate in the next year's special events (if there are 8 campouts, he needs to have participated in 4 of them).
 - The Scout must attend a **minimum of 2 Troop meeting a month** for the current calendar year to be eligible to participate in the next year's special events.

NOTE: There will be a class scheduled for all 50-mile participants to be certified in CPR. Once a date is set, everyone will be notified.

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1) October 23 @ 7:15pm (Thursday):

- Initial meeting for those eligible to sign up for 50 Miler

2) June 3 @ 6:30pm (Wednesday):

- Mandatory Equipment / Gear Check in Jones Hall

3) June 19 (Friday):

- Please arrive at the home of Tom & Louise Rathfon at 6:30 p.m. with your backpack packed as per the list OR any specific instructions you were given from the equipment/gear check meeting. You will unpack your backpack, items will be reviewed again, repacked along with food, pots, pans, utensils, ground cloths, etc.
- Your backpack will be packed on the van at that time (so it will not go home with you).

4) June 20 (Saturday):

- Please arrive at the Rathfon's by 7:00 a.m. – make sure you have already eaten your breakfast.
- You will need to be in Class B Uniform (Gray Troop 95 t-shirt, belt, scout pants, scout socks w/red trim, Troop 95 hat) and bring a packed lunch. Please also bring your Troop 95 sweatshirt.
- You will also need to have a small ditty bag with several changes of clothes (something to change into for Saturday night around camp and toiletry items for showering at the end of the hike – this can include a regular size towel).

5) June 20 (Saturday):

- We will be camping at Chapman's Dam State Park just outside of Clarendon, PA.
- Camp will be set up Saturday afternoon and dinner will be enjoyed at camp.
- Everyone will be able to relax and fish if they would like.

6) June 21 thru 25 (Sunday to Thursday):

- Backpacking/Hiking a 50-mile segment of the North Country Trail.

7) June 25 (Thursday):

- Upon arrival back at camp, everyone will travel to Warren, PA and shower at a local YMCA then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant (please have money for this) before heading back to camp.

8) June 26: Breakfast at camp, pack up camp, depart for home. . .have money for lunch stop